

CHAPTER 753

(House Bill 86)

AN ACT to add new Section 715(d) to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1960 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", adding certain provisions to the laws concerning the taking or catching of soft shell clams in Anne Arundel County in order to clarify a possible uncertainty in those laws.

WHEREAS, Chapter 828 of the Acts of 1959 repealed Section 715(d) of Article 66C of the Code concerning the taking or catching of soft shell clams in Anne Arundel County, and

WHEREAS, It was not the legislative intention to repeal this section as demonstrated by the fact that portions of this section had already been amended in Chapters 691 and 692 of the Acts of 1959, and

WHEREAS, to avoid any uncertainty as to the present terms of the laws concerning the taking and catching of soft shell clams in Anne Arundel County, it is desirable to re-enact this section and also to incorporate therein the changes made by Chapters 691 and 692 of the Acts of 1959, now, therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 715(d) be and it is hereby added to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1960 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", to read as follows:

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(d) Same—Regulations.—In Anne Arundel County it shall be unlawful to take or catch soft shell clams by use of hydraulic, mechanical or other dredge:

1. On Sunday, or between sunset and one-half hour after sunrise on any other day, or to land soft shell clams before sunrise or later than one (1) hour after sunset;

2. Within ~~200~~ 100 feet of any commercially productive oyster tonging area defined on the charts of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries, or as defined under Section 696 (i) of this article, or as marked with stakes as may be required by the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries;

3. Within 500 yards of any duly licensed OCCUPIED blind during the open season for duck or goose hunting in Maryland;

4. During the period from April 15th through September 15th of each year within 500 feet ~~in front~~ of any sea nettle net and/or any public bathing beach at any time AND WITHIN 800 FEET OF

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken out of bill.